

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/699,342

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John B. Walsh

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/29/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11/3/2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

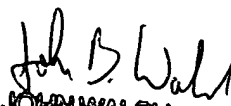
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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 11/3/2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date 03012005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

  
**JOHN WALSH**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Harrison on February 28, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

- a. Page 1, paragraph 2, lines 2, 13 and 14 – insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- b. Page 2, paragraph 1, line 4– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- c. Page 2, paragraph 2, lines 3, 5 and 6– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- d. Page 2, paragraph 4, line 2– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- e. Page 2, paragraph 5, line 3– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- f. Page 8, paragraph 1, lines 15 and 17– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- g. Page 8, paragraph 2, lines 2 and 4– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- h. Page 9, paragraph 1, lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 14– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- i. Page 9, paragraph 2, lines 2 and 6– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- j. Page 10, lines 12 and 19– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- k. Page 11, paragraph 1, line 1 and line 3 (both occurrences) – insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- l. Page 11, paragraph 2, lines 4 and 10– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- m. Page 11, paragraph 3, lines 3 and 5– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.

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- n. Page 12, paragraph 2, lines 7, 9 and 10– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- o. Page 12, paragraph 3, line 4– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- p. Page 13, paragraph 1, lines 9 and 10– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- q. Page 13, paragraph 2, line 10– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- r. Page 14, paragraph 2, lines 7, 11, 13, 15 and 17– insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.

In the Claims:

- s. Cancel claim 1.
- t. Claim 2, line 1 – replace “claim 1” with --claim 3--.
- u. Claim 3, line 1 – replace “The dead bolt of claim 1” with --A dead bolt lock for removably engaging and securing a dead bolt knob on a door having a door knob, comprising: a housing; a pair of legs extending from said housing for engaging the door knob; and an opening provided in said housing for receiving the dead bolt knob and preventing the dead bolt knob from turning and unlocking the door; --
- v. Claim 3, line 11 - insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- w. Claim 4, line 1 – replace “claim 1” with --claim 3--;  
lines 9, 11 and 15 - insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- x. Claim 11, line 1 - replace “claim 1” with --claim 3--;  
line 2 - insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.
- y. Claim 12, line 1 - replace “claim 1” with --claim 3--;  
line 2 - insert --knob-- after “dead bolt”.

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z. Claim 13, line 1 - replace "claim 1" with --claim 3--;

line 2 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

aa. Claim 14, line 1 - replace "claim 1" with --claim 3--;

line 2 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

bb. Claim 15, line 1 - replace "claim 1" with --claim 3--;

line 2 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

cc. Claim 16, line 1 - replace "claim 1" with --claim 3--;

line 2 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

dd. Claim 17, line 1 - replace "claim 1" with --claim 3--;

line 2 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

ee. Claim 18, lines 1, 14 and 16 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

ff. Claim 19, lines 3 and 4 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

gg. Claim 21, lines 1, 13, 16 and 22 - insert --knob-- after "dead bolt".

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 2-21 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest the applicant's invention as claimed in detail wherein a front plate, rear plate, middle plate and notch retainer as claimed in detail (claim 3, (original) lines 1-12); a plurality of notches, a front plate, a rear plate, a middle plate, a backing plate, a spring biased notch retainer as claimed in detail (claim 18, lines 5-18 and claim 21, lines 5-19).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

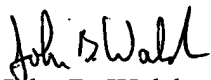
***Conclusion***

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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